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Seating of Kidd and Dent.

The re-seating of Senator Kidd yesterday by the unanimous vote of the senate, including, of course, every Republican and Democratic senator, was in marked contrast to the action of the house which by a party vote deprived Mr. Brohard, of Taylor county, of his seat and adopted the report of the majority of the committee seating Dent. In the first case the Republican subcommittee reported that while it found a reasonable ground for contest in Wood county, irregularities of a technical nature in Wirt county could not permit it to arrive at a decision which would entitle Mr. Morris to the seat. The latter gentleman himself declared he did not desire the seat on a technicality. Technicalities did "go" in the house, but the evidence that ballots had been changed with an indelible pencil, between the first count and recount in Taylor county, in precincts where nothing but pen and ink was used by the voters, did not "go."

Whatever may be said of the cases, the justice or injustice of the manner in which they were finally settled, certain it is that the public will note the comparison between the actions of the two houses. However, aside from all political considerations, it is a matter for congratulation that the affair has been settled and that there is no longer any excuse for holding back legislation. What the public is most interested in is the important legislation before the two houses. Some of it is good and some bad. We trust that the good will prevail and that the legislature may adjourn with a creditable record in this regard.

The people, when they are next called upon to vote, will decide on which side the responsibility rests for the trouble which has been witnessed, and which side deserves the endorsement. Incidentally, it may be said that one of the good effects growing out of the experiences which have just ended will be a public desire for provisions in the election laws which will make such experiences in the future impossible. It ought to be possible to apply a remedy.

Party Lines not Drawn.

The Democratic press and some leaders who have attempted to make a partisan issue of the question of the ratification of the peace treaty, and who have denounced those favoring it as being controlled by speculative motives and driven under the party last, were doubtless surprised at, and may be able to make some explanation of the fact that nearly half as many Democratic, Populist and silver Republicans voted for the treaty as Republicans, the vote standing 40 Republicans and 17 Democrats and silverites, classed as opponents of the administration, for ratification, as against 24 Democrats, 2 Republicans and 1 Independent to reject. So far as the treaty is concerned, there was no partisanship about the vote, much as the attempt was made to make it appear in advance there would be. Democratic newspapers were quoting Senators Hoar and Hale all over the country as evidence that the Republican party was sadly divided on the question, and that the administration would not be sustained in the desire for the ratification. These two Republicans were the only members of the party who voted against the treaty and the prophecies of a divided party failed. On the other hand, the hope of certain Democrats of making it a party issue in the future, as they had attempted to do in the past, was forever dispelled by the big division on the Democratic side of the senate, eleven straight-out Democrats—Senators Butler, Clay, Faulkner, Gray, Lindsay, McEnery, McLaurin, Morgan, Kenney, Pettus and Sullivan—voting for the treaty.

It is gratifying that party lines were not drawn in this vital matter, notwithstanding the great desire in some quarters that they would be. It is better for the country and better for the effect it will have abroad. It takes partisan politics out of this phase of the questions which are just now confronting the nation. The wisdom of sustaining the treaty and leaving other problems for Congress to settle will be endorsed by the masses of the people.

Currency Reform Initiative.

The business interests of the country will be much encouraged by the action of the caucus of the Republican members of the national house of representatives in deciding to place in the hands of a special committee the subject of currency reform, with a view to bringing it up at the opening of the new Congress. The principal cause of delay in the matter of currency reform legislation under the pledges made

by the Republican party has been the fact that there was not a sound money majority in both houses of Congress, the senate being doubtful, there being no clear majority for sound currency legislation. After the 4th of March, however, this obstruction will be removed, for not only will the new house be a sound money body, but the senate will have a decided majority favoring currency reform, as a result of the recent senatorial elections in various states.

It is believed that under the new conditions it will be possible to get through the senate a bill revising our laws affecting the currency system which will provide for the needs prevailing at present and possibilities in future years. Commenting on this outlook, the Washington Star, which is in touch with the situation, remarks that the war with Spain and its incidental issues have absorbed practically all the time of Congress since the opening of the last session, and it has been manifestly useless for the Republicans to do more than to place themselves on record on this subject. The caucus of last Thursday night was held to prepare the way for legislation at the next session, and the effect will be to demonstrate that the party is not content to merely defeat the free silver forces and their efforts, but "desires to act constructively, as well as to prevent recurrences of the intolerable conditions which have contributed to past financial panics. The Star continues:

It is on all hands believed that the year just beginning promises to be marked with exceptional prosperity in all lines of business. Yet that is the very time to cure whatever evils may be known to exist in the commercial system. It is patent that the present currency laws are unsuited to existing conditions, and that in the stress of a declining market and a turn in the balance of trade in favor of other nations these flaws will develop into dangers. The time to correct the fault is when it is not too late to get a few pointers from the industrial factors of the community. The time to plug up a leak in a water main is when the pressure is off. The time to repair a roof is when the sun is shining.

The action of the caucus indicates that the Republicans in Congress fully realize the truth of this. The conditions are such that the country needs the confidence in contemplated action which has been aroused. In these days the stability of our currency system is one of the questions of greatest importance.

The Practical View of it.
It will not be hard to subject the insurgent forces—Intelligencer.

Well, well! If Spain, which wasted 200 years in trying to do it, had only thought to get a few pointers from the military genius of Fourteenth street—Intelligencer.

A country that was able to dispose of Spain herself in four months time can do as much in a very brief period in the way of bringing a few belligerents in Luzon to their senses as Spain could do in a century. The first lesson learned by the Filipinos ought to demonstrate that proposition, since in the fighting which occurred Sunday and Monday the Filipino losses footed up to four thousand, in killed, wounded and captured. It wasn't Fourteenth street genius that did this; it was American valor. It doesn't require a military genius to see the significance of this result, nor to understand that a certain decision made in the capitol at Washington since the outbreak will have a pacifying effect on the Philippine leaders.

The Filipinos now know the status of this country until the promised free government is established, and the future policy, whatever it may be, with reference to the islands, is determined by the representatives of the American people in Congress. In the meantime there are Dewey and Otis and as heroic a command of American soldiers and sailors as ever trod the earth or sailed upon the seas. It will need but another lesson or two, perhaps no other, to bring the Philippine forces to a full realization that they are not dealing with Spain.

Moreover, the restoration of peace and the carrying out of the peace plans pending the final disposal of the question by this government, honorably, and with a view to the advancement of civilization, cannot fail in its effect. Such a policy never has failed of its purpose and never will. This is not the pointer of a "Fourteenth street military genius"; it is the opinion of our leading statesmen, and of experienced diplomats of this and foreign countries.

"Crazy-Quilt" Information.

The Parkersburg Sentinel, which is one of the most unique Democratic organs in the state, inasmuch as it is perpetually confusing its constituency with its partisan news from Charleston, capped the climax in this respect Monday evening. It contained four separate Charleston specials on the Kidd case, each with sensational headlines, three of them on one page. The first headlines related that "Republicans talk in an honest strain, but Elkins has yet to crack his whip and then they will all fall in line," etc. The second heading reads that "Kidd will be unseated." The third says "Perhaps Kidd will get his seat to-morrow," and that "the Republicans are alarmed at the situation." Turning over to the third page we note headlines a quarter of a column in length, set in advertising type, relating that "To-morrow the Kidd case will be settled. The Republicans will no doubt unseat him, and thus conclude their scheme of infamy," etc.

And there you have it. Talk about your reliable journalism, the Democratic end of it in Parkersburg takes the prize for the amount of variegated information it can give in one day and in a single issue. In the meantime, the readers of this aggressive and reliable organ were in a quandary to know what really was going to happen anyway, and why the Sentinel didn't lump all its dispatches under one heading to make the information more like a "crazy quilt."

Spanish statesmen, referring to the episode over in the Philippines, express themselves as believing that the United States has a situation on its hands that it will never be able to get rid of. These Spanish statesmen are the same who delivered a similar opinion when the late unpleasantness was begun. Have they so soon forgotten the ability of the United States to take care of a situation?

The biggest snow storm of the season is still with us, at least part of its results are. Perhaps the weather will

break to-day, but it is hoped the break will be gradual enough not to do damage.

The Tenth Pennsylvania regiment seems to be always at the front in the Philippines. For the second time it has been in the thick of the fight and covered itself with honors.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The poor custom tailor is apt to breed bad habits.

The writer's train of thought is a construction train.

The human shrub never brings forth blossoms of perfection.

Matrimony worries a woman less after she gets into it than before.

Most men would be thankful nowadays if they could lose their grip.

The worst disappointment you can experience is disappointment in yourself.

No man actually believes that his next-door neighbor is his superior mentally.

The politician who cannot tell a lie had better quit the business and go to work.

When love takes its flight from a window it usually selects the dining-room window.

Friends add much to the happiness of life, but in the main we must depend on ourselves.

A bachelor says that marriage may be a cure for lovesickness but the remedy is worse than the disease.

Fame after all is but an elevation on which the victim is placed in order to give the public a better chance to throw mud at him.—Chicago Daily News.

The Purest English.

A copy of the following letter of Abraham Lincoln, written to a Mrs. Bixby, of Boston, has been engrossed, framed and hung in one of the Oxford University (England) halls, as "a specimen of the purest English and most elegant diction extant."

DEAR MADAM—I have been shown in the files of the war department a statement of the adjutant general of Massachusetts, that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Very respectfully yours,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

One Protection Triumph.

New York Commercial Advertiser: At the twenty-seventh annual banquet of the Silk Association of America last night, it was stated that 50 per cent of the silk goods consumed in this country is manufactured here. No wonder that the word was passed to seize the remaining 50 per cent manufactured somewhere else. Within the last few years the development of American silk manufacturing has been remarkable, so much so as to induce many of the European silk houses to transfer their plants here. Our improvements in machinery and special processes have surpassed those of Europe, foreign observers being witnesses. Not so long ago we were dependent on foreign looms, but now it looks as if we would soon be exporting silk goods.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

The Limit—"I understand Hawkeby gave him an awful tongue-lashing."

"Worse than that. He Eganized him."

—Philadelphia North American.

"Pluck is the secret of success on the stock exchange." "Well, I'll give you \$1,000 if you'll teach me your method of plucking."—Tit-Bits.

Walter (yelling down the kitchen tube)—Hey, Alphonse, make that chop a steak. Alphonse—Saure! Vat you tink? I'm a chef; not a magician.—Tit-Bits.

"Classical music," said the ecstatic young woman, "leaves me in a transport." "Well," said the young man, "that's the reason I naturally avoid it. I was in the army and I don't feel like taking chances on transports of any kind."—Washington Star.

At a ball given in a small country town in Ireland for which the tickets were not transferable, the inscription on the tickets ran as follows: "Admit this gentleman to ball in assembly rooms; tickets 25. 6d. each. No gentleman admitted unless he comes himself."—Tit-Bits.

"When Blifford went west he told that as soon as he had settled down and pulled himself together he would write to me, but I have never heard from him." "Blifford was blown up in an explosion of dynamite three months ago. He may have settled down, but I don't believe he has pulled himself together yet."—Chicago Tribune.

At the Theatre.

Behold me!
The encore fiend!
Gloating over my triumphs,
Pretend present again to come,
I am the man with the
Large, spatulate hands
And the ample, open mouth,
Like a decorative wreath.
When anyone sings a song
Or tells a story or
Otherwise performs on the stage
I clap and clap

And then I get my second wind.
Then I let myself loose
Again.
I'm in my money's worth, and
Usually I get it.
And I don't care if people
Do stare.
There's another song finished!
Now watch me make 'em
Do it all over
Again!

What? They won't?
Oh, I guess not.
Just wait till I get my arms
Loose and begin to
Work. Just
Watch!

—Chicago Record.

Cost of Nicaragua Canal.

The estimates as to the cost of constructing the Nicaragua Canal vary from \$115,000,000 to \$150,000,000. How different are the estimates of the people as to the value of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for stomach, liver, blood and kidney diseases. It is agreed everywhere that this remedy is unsurpassed for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, nervousness and sleeplessness. It is such an agreeable medicine to take. It tastes good as well as does good.

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One Grovenstein & Co., square... \$100

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One Heine Kamp, square... \$100

One McPhail, square... \$ 90

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ASTOR'S SUIT

Against London Mail Amicably Settled—The Judge's Fanciful Remarks.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—In the queen's bench division of the high court of justice to-day before the Lord Chief Justice of England, Baron Russell, of Killowen, and a special jury, was heard the suit of William Waldorf Astor against the Daily Mail of this city, to recover £1,000 damage for a libel which "held him up to ridicule and contempt."

There was an imposing array of counsel on both sides.

Sir Edward Clarke, Q. C., counsel for the plaintiff, said the libel was published on October 13 last and was headed "Mr. Astor's strange dinner party." It declared, counsel continued, that as the outcome of a wager of £500, with Gen. Owen Williams, Mr. Astor brought the trunk of a California redwood tree here and gave a dinner party at Cliveden around it. A list of guests, counsel said, was published and, indeed, the whole details, except the mere fact that Mr. Astor brought the tree to England was an effort of imagination, and Mr. Astor claimed he was thereby held up to the public as "a foolish and ridiculous person."

Mr. Astor then took the stand and confirmed Sir Edward Clarke's statements. He added that many of the guests mentioned were unknown to him and he expressed the belief that some of them did not exist. The matter caused him great annoyance, but he was always willing to accept an apology. Thereupon the Lord Chief Justice asked if it was not possible for an apology to be given at that stage of the proceedings.

The Rt. Hon. Edward Henry Carson, Q. C., formerly solicitor general for Ireland, in behalf of Alfred Charles Harmsworth, principal proprietor of the Daily Mail and other papers, said his client was always ready and willing to apologize.

"Whether the matter published is a libel or not," the Lord Chief Justice remarked, "is a question for the jury to decide, but surely it is proper to apologize for giving annoyance."

"My clients," said Mr. Carson, "while they do not admit the libel, are anxious not to publish anything which may cause annoyance."

"It cannot be said," replied the lord chief justice, "that these personal paragraphs are not sometimes very annoying. This is the fringe of a very large question. One cannot fail to see that there is a growing fashion, perhaps copied from the press with which Mr. Astor is better acquainted than we are (laughter), of publishing personal paragraphs which are very annoying."

"A paragraph appears in a newspaper this morning regarding myself (laughter), erroneously stating that I forced my carriage through the horse guards' passage, notwithstanding the opposition of the guards, and an American paper, the other day, described a painful incident in my career. It said it had been my duty in the position of president of the divorce court, to pronounce a divorce decree between myself and my first wife. As a matter of fact, I have only had one wife. She is alive now; we have never been divorced and I am not president of the divorce court." (Laughter.)

Addressing Mr. Carson, the chief justice said: "I think your client ought to apologize for publishing the paragraph which has given annoyance to Mr. Astor."

To this Mr. Carson replied: "I adopt your lordship's suggestion absolutely. The proprietors of the Daily Mail wish me to say that they had no wish to give annoyance, though some people are annoyed by these things and others are not. (Laughter.) They regret they gave annoyance to Mr. Astor and apologize for so doing."

The case was then settled, a juror being withdrawn and the proceedings coming to an end.

Had a Rough Voyage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The steamer Stuttgart from Bremen, January 27, which reached port to-day with sixty-five cabin and 435 steerage passengers and a general cargo, reports that on January 30 she encountered a severe storm, the wind blowing from the northwest with hurricane force. Enormous seas swept the decks and broke over the upper works, smashed all the boats on the starboard side, carried away the forward starboard life boat, snapped the davits, carried the after starboard life boat across the decks on top of the skylight, flooded the rooms and compartments on the starboard side and smashed the windows in the skylight. The steamer was obliged to lie to nearly twenty-four hours, making but forty miles during the day. The weather moderated for about forty-eight hours and again came out suddenly at 4 a. m., on February 2, and blew a hurricane from the northwest, the seas breaking over the vessel frequently. The steamer's headway was checked and for twelve hours she was hoove to. One of the second cabin passengers was thrown against a bulkhead and had his leg broken.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system by entering it through the mucous surface, the system articles should never be used except by prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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